

**Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks**

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**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST**

**PART 1. PROPOSED ACTION DESCRIPTION**

**Project Title:** Albert Darrah Wild Animal Menagerie Permit

**Application Date:** 1/14/03

**Name, Address and Phone Number:**  
Albert Darrah  
201B Old Town Road  
Three Forks, MT 59752  
Phone: 285-9004

**Project Location:** 201B Old Town Road  
Three Forks, MT 59752  
SW1/4S W1/4 W1/4 Section 11 Township 2N Range 1E

**Description of Project:** Applicant wishes to construct a cage to house one mountain lion, which he will purchase from another menagerie. The applicant does not wish to run a commercial menagerie and will keep the mountain lion as a pet. The cage will be constructed and totally enclosed with steel and will meet the mountain lion caging requirements that are required by FWP rules and statutes. The cage will be located on a lot of approximately 40 acres in size. There are no other houses in the immediate vicinity of the lot. There is scattered housing located approximately one mile east of the lot. Due to the remoteness and landownership surrounding the project, there will be very little chance of public contact with the cage or the mountain lion

**Other groups or agencies contacted or which may have overlapping jurisdiction:**

None

## **PART 2. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

Table 1. Potential impact on physical environment.

Will the proposed action result in potential impacts to:	Unknown	Potentially Significant	Minor	None	Can Be Mitigated	Comments Below Or On Attached Pages
1. Unique, endangered, fragile, or limited environmental resources				X		
2. Terrestrial or aquatic life and/or habitats				X		
3. Introduction of new species into an area				X		
4. Vegetation cover, quantity & quality				X		
5. Water quality, quantity & distribution (surface or groundwater)				X		
6. Existing water right or reservation				X		
7. Geology & soil quality, stability & moisture				X		
8. Air quality or objectional odors				X		
9. Historical & archaeological sites				X		
10. Demands on environmental resources of land, water, air & energy				X		
11. Aesthetics				X		

### **Comments**

(A description of potentially significant, or unknown, impacts and potential alternatives for mitigation must be provided.)

Table 2. Potential impacts on human environment .

Will the proposed action result in potential impacts to:	Unknown	Potentially Significant	Minor	None	Can Be Mitigated	Comments Below Or On Attached Pages
1. Social structures and cultural diversity				X		
2. Changes in existing public benefits provided by wildlife populations and/or habitat				X		
3. Local and state tax base and tax revenue				X		
4. Agricultural production				X		
5. Human health				X		
6. Quantity & distribution of community & personal income				X		
7. Access to & quality of recreational activities				X		
8. Locally adopted environmental plans & goals (ordinances)				X		
9. Distribution & density of population and housing				X		
10. Demands for government services			X			
11. Industrial and/or commercial activity				X		

### **Comments**

(A description of potentially significant, or unknown, impacts and potential alternatives for mitigation must be provided as comments.)

Demands for government services – There will be some increased demand for services by the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks. Annual inspections and annual permitting of the facility will be required.

**Does the proposed action involve potential risks or adverse effects, which are uncertain but extremely harmful if they were to occur?**

No

**Does the proposed action have impacts that are individually minor, but cumulatively significant or potentially significant?**

No

**Description and analysis of reasonable alternatives (including the no action alternative) to the proposed action when alternatives are reasonably available and prudent to consider. Include a discussion of how the alternatives would be implemented:**

Issue a permit

Not issue a permit

**Individuals or groups contributing to, or commenting on, this EA:** None

**EA prepared by:** Chris Anderson, Game Warden

**Date Completed:** 2/3/03

### **PART 3. DECISION**

**Recommendation and justification concerning preparation of EIS:**

**Describe public involvement, if any:**

This EA was placed on the FWP website from 3/20/03 to 4/3/03 to allow for public comment. Comments were addressed to Warden Chris Anderson at [chanderson@state.mt.us](mailto:chanderson@state.mt.us).

**Recommendation for license approval:**

**Wildlife Manager**

**Date**

**Warden Captain**

**Date**